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ANNUAL REPORT

for the year

1954

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Incorporating the Annual Report of the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

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BEAUMARIS BOROUGH COUNCIL

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1954.

During the last year there has been an appreciable drop in the birth rate. The adjusted figure, 8.0 per 1000 population, is less than half that for 1952 and 1953, and compares unfavourably with the figures for Anglesey (15.9) and England & Wales (15.2)

There has also been a decrease in the death rate, and you will note that the figure for Beaumaris is lower than that for the county and for England & Wales.

There were no maternal deaths, but there was one infant death.

The table giving causes of death (compared from figures supplied by the Registrar General) shows that the majority of deaths were due to Heart and associated vascular diseases. There were no deaths from tuberculosis, but two new cases were reported during the year. There was complete freedom from whooping cough and diphtheria due, in the main, to the national drive towards protective immunisation measures.

The sanitary circumstances of the borough, as reported by the sanitary inspector, have improved with the occupation of further twenty council houses during the year. There are still several families living in substandard dwellings who should be considered for rehousing.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you Mr. Mayor, and Members of the Council for your interest, and the Town Clerk, Sanitary Inspector and Officers of the Council for their cooperation and help.

Yours faithfully,

Dulyn Thomas.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	3,135
Population (Registrar General's estimate, mid, 1954)	2,250
Number of inhabited houses ...	716
Number of council houses ...	157
Rateable value	£14,688
Sum produced by a penny rate ...	£54

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	10	7	17
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	11	7	18

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 8.0. Rates for previous years were: 1950, 13.9; 1951, 15.9; 1952, 21.6; 1953, 18.0. The Birth Rate for Anglesey in 1953 was 15.9.

The Adjusted Birth Rate for 1953 was 8.2.

The Birth Rate for England & Wales was 15.2.

Stillbirths

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	0	1

The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births was 52.6. There were no stillbirths in the Borough in 1952 or 1953.

The 1954 stillbirth rate per 1,000 estimated population was 0.4 as compared with 0.41 for Anglesey.

Deaths

Male	Female	Total
11	12	23

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 10.2. Rate for 1950 was 13.4; 1951, 19.2; 1952, 15.0; 1953, 14.9.

The Adjusted Death Rate for Beaumaris was 7.9. The Adjusted Death Rate for Anglesey was 11.9.

The Crude Death Rate for England & Wales was 11.3.

Maternal Deaths ... ... Nil

Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age.

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	0	1

The Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births was 55.6. The Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales was 25.5, Anglesey 28.2.

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age.

Nil.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

The following table shows the causes of death in the Borough. These figures have been supplied by the Registrar-General and are in accordance with the New International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948.

Causes of Death	M	F
1. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	0	1
2. Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	1	0
3. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	1	0
4. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	2	2
5. Hypertension with heart disease ...	0	1
6. Other heart disease ...	1	3
7. Other circulatory disease ...	0	1
8. Influenza	2	0
9. Pneumonia	0	1
10. Bronchitis	1	0
11. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	1	0
12. Other defined and illdefined diseases.	0	3
13. Congenital malformations ...	1	0
14. Motor vehicle accidents ...	1	0
ALL CAUSES	11	12

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (excluding tuberculosis)

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified in age groups.

Disease.	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-15	15 & over
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	-	3	4	13	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

Notifications of tuberculosis were as follows,

Age	Sex	Respiratory or non-respiratory
22	F	Non-respiratory
23	F	Respiratory

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Practitioners in the Borough. The following figures are quoted by courtesy of the County Medical Officer.

Vaccination against smallpox.

A total of 23 children were vaccinated during the year, of which 8 were re-vaccinations.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases. During 1954 3 such vaccinations were carried out in the Borough.

Diphtheria Immunisation

A total number of 35 children were immunised during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No action was taken in respect of any individual under Section 47 of this Act.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR, 1954.

Summary of the visits and work carried out during the year.

Dwelling houses inspected for nuisances,	
a. Number of houses visited	230
b. Number of inspections	210
Number of drains tested with colour, water or smoke	61
Visits to work in progress ...	295
Interview with owners or representatives	14
Dwelling houses where nuisances abated..	210
Visits in connection with overcrowding..	3
Visits in connection with infectious diseases	2
Visits for disinfection of premises ...	2
Visits to premises re vermin ...	2
Visits to bakehouses, restaurants, cafés, canteens and hotel kitchens	16
Visits to ice cream premises ...	7
Visits to Fish-friers premises ...	3
Visits to other food-preparing premises,	10
Visits re Shops Acts ...	Nil
Visits to workplaces ...	Nil
Visits re rats, mice, and other infestation	21
Notices served,	
a. Informal ...	21
b. Statutory ...	Nil
Number of cases in which legal proceedings taken	Nil

Infectious Diseases

Number of visits ...	2
Number of cases in which disinfection was carried out	2

FOOD HYGIENE

Number of food premises by type of business (excluding registered premises).

Butchers	...	2
Grocers	...	9
Confectioners	...	5
Bakeries	...	4
Catering establishments (including cafés, restaurants, hotels)		8

Number of visits to food premises	...	16
Number of food premises unsatisfactory from point of view of hygiene.		Nil

Preserved Food - Manufacture and Preparation

Number of premises registered under Section 14 of Food & Drugs Act, 1938.		Nil
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of visits	...	Nil

Ice-Cream

Number of registered premises	...	7
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of inspections	...	7
Number of contraventions (if any) of the Heat treatment regulations 1947 to 1952...		Nil

Fish-Friers Premises

Number of premises registered	...	3
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of visits	...	6

Milk

Number of Dairies and Distributors registered under Part III of Milk & Dairies Regulations 1949.		4
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of visits to registered premises	...	Nil

Slaughterhouses

Number in Borough	...	1

Carcasses inspected and condemned

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	315	14	2744	606
Number inspected	315	14	2678	606
All diseses except tuberculosis				
Whole carcasses condemned	8	1	34	13
Carcasses of which some part was condemned	57	Nil	61	11
Tuberculosis only				
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part was condemned	12	Nil	Nil	15
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	3.8%	Nil	Nil	2.6

Weights condemned

Cattle	...	3718 lbs
Calves	...	58 lbs
Sheep & lambs	...	1403 lbs
Pigs	...	657 lbs

Knackers Yards

Number registered	...	Nil
Number visited	...	Nil

UNSOUND FOOD

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption (outside slaughterhouses).

	Quantity	Tons	Cwts	Qrs	Lbs
Butchers' meat(including offal)	-	-	-	-	-
Other food (including tinned food)	20	*2	10	2	3

* includes 2 tons 10 cwts of diseased and unsound potatoes.

RODENT CONTROL

Sewers in the upper reaches of the Town are baited four times a year. Other work on infestations carried out by a rodent operator when occasion demands.

WATER SUPPLY

Number of dwelling houses supplied by public water mains:-

a) Direct to houses	...	680
b) By means of standpipes	...	15

Number of dwelling houses dependent on wells for their water 10

Number of wells found to be contaminated by faecal matter Nil

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

There are no existing schemes or works contemplated at present. Approximately 95% of houses and factories are connected to the Council's sewers.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The method of collection was by contract up to Nov. 1st, 1954. This was most unsatisfactory and unhygienic due to the absence of a proper covering to the lorry. Since November the Menai Bridge U.D.C. and the Beaumaris Council purchased a lorry which is used jointly by each Authority on three days a week. Collection is conducted on a once a week basis. Owing to the proximity of new houses in the Llangoed area, the Llangoed tip was closed in January and tipping is now done within the Borough.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

Number registered. ... Nil

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) a. Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 210

b. Number of inspections made for the purpose 295

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

(2) a. Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. Nil.

b. Number of inspections made for the purpose Nil.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. ... Nil.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. ... 24

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. ... Nil.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936. ... Nil.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners ... Nil.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ... 21.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

(a) By owners. ... Nil.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners. Nil.

(c) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. ... Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished. Nil.

(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition. Nil.

(4) Number of houses in which undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation. Nil.

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. Nil.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. ... Nil.

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part 111. Section 26.

Number of houses in respect of which Clearance Orders were made. ... ... Nil.

Housing Act, 1936 - Part - IV - Overcrowding.

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. ... ... Nil.
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein. -
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein. -

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. ... 8

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. ... 7
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases. Nil.

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. ... Nil.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the year.

Keeping of animals ...	...	Nil
Offensive accumulations ...	...	4
Sanitary accommodation,	Insufficient ...	-
	defective ...	5
Drainage ...	reconstruction	2
	repaired ...	19
	cleansed ...	65
Cesspools and septic tanks	abolished ...	Nil
	repaired ...	Nil
Conversions to w.c.'s	...	Nil
Refuse receptacles ...	...	60
Food Stores ...	...	2
Water supplies ...	...	2
Walls and Ceilings ...	...	27
Floors ...	...	4
Windows and ventilation ...	...	31
Baths, Lavatory basins and sinks	...	26
Staircases ...	...	Nil
Coppers (defective) ...	...	9
Dampness ...	...	14
Roofs and rainwater pipes.	...	21
Yard paving ...	...	4
Chimneys and fireplaces ...	...	32
Miscellaneous ...	...	151

Inspections under the Factories Acts, 1937.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections. (3)	Number of Written notices (4)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced.	10	10	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies				
(a) WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER, but enforcement of sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 by Local Authorities revoked by the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938				
(b) Others i.e. Factories WITH MECHANICAL POWER.				
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding outworkers' premises).				
TOTAL	10	10	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars. (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found. Found (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector. (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector. (5)	No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.5)					
Sanitary Convieniences (S.7)					
a. Insufficient					
b. Unsuitable or defective					
c. Not separate for sexes.					
Other offences (not including offences relating to homework).					
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-